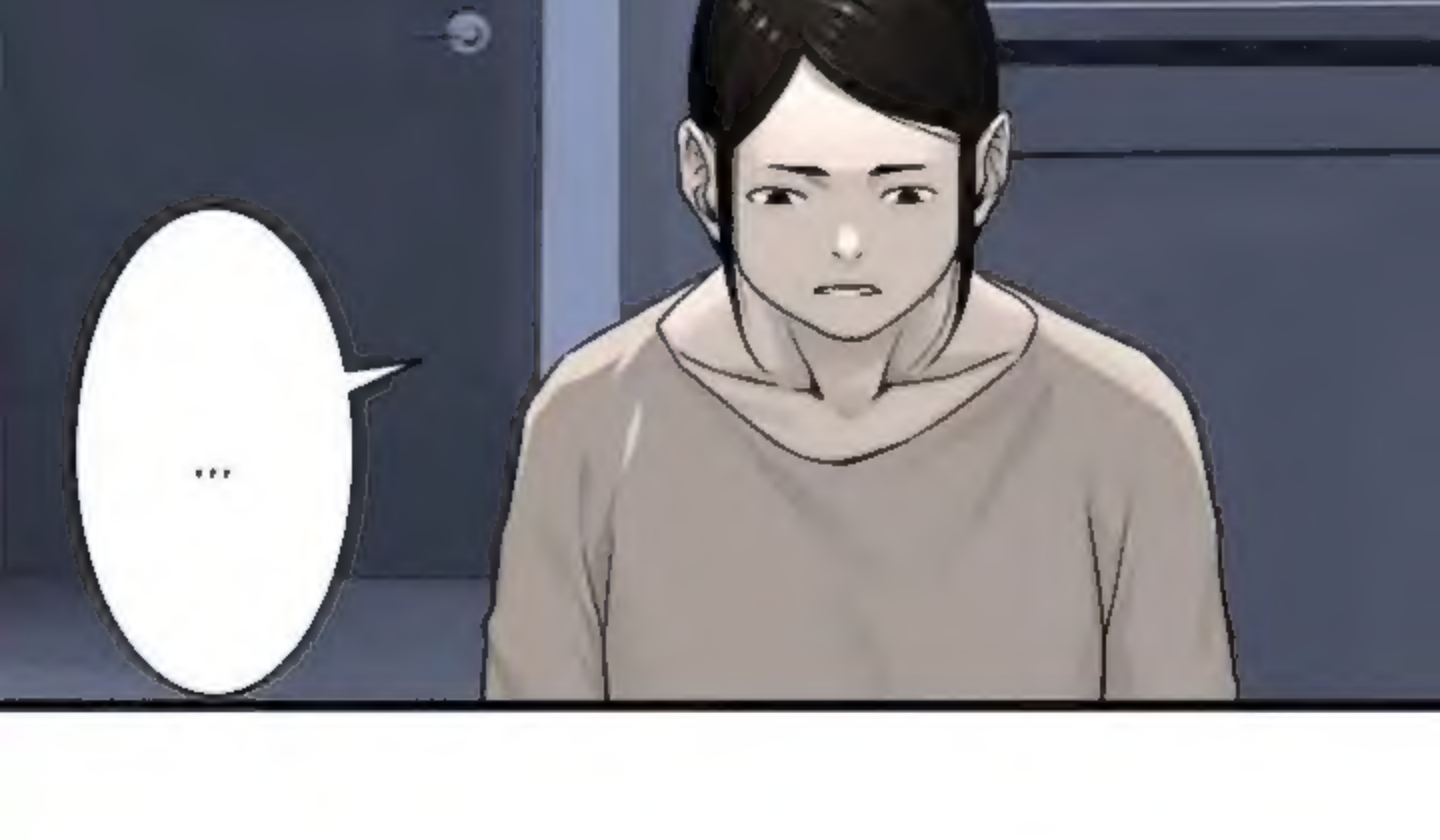
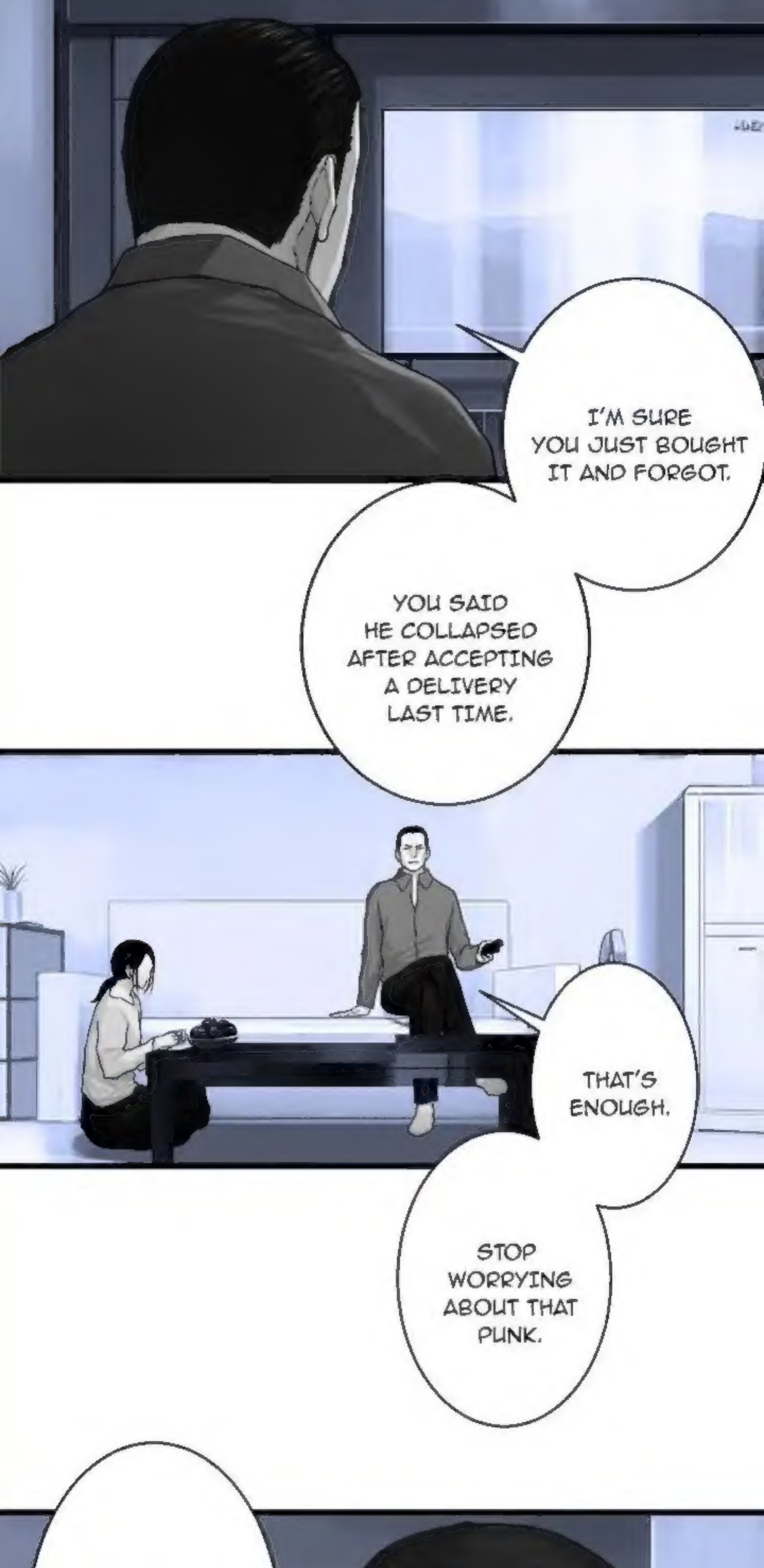




HER SUMMON





BUT NOW
IT'S ALMOST
LIKE THERE'S
NOTHING BEYOND
THE DOOR AT
ALL...

IT ALMOST
FEELS
USELESS.

JUST
LEAVE ME
ALONE.



I KNOW
I SHOULDN'T
FEEL LIKE
THIS BUT...

I WISH...

I COULD
JUST...

DISAPPEAR...





EHP?

W-WHAT I'M UP TO?



W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?



N-NO WAY...



DID HE NOTICE...



THE POTION IN THE TEA...



GULP



PHEW



WHAM



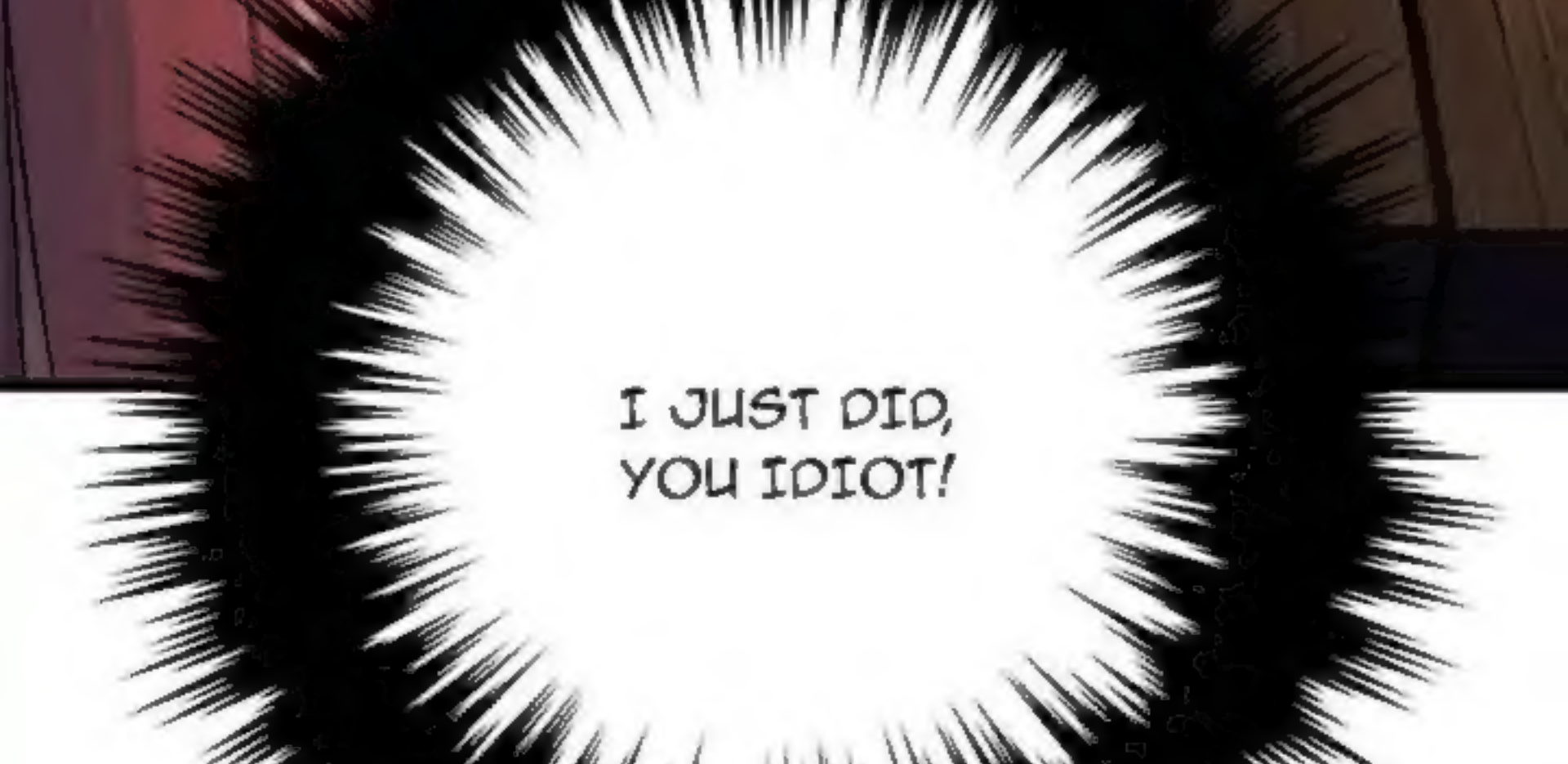
YOU BARDS...



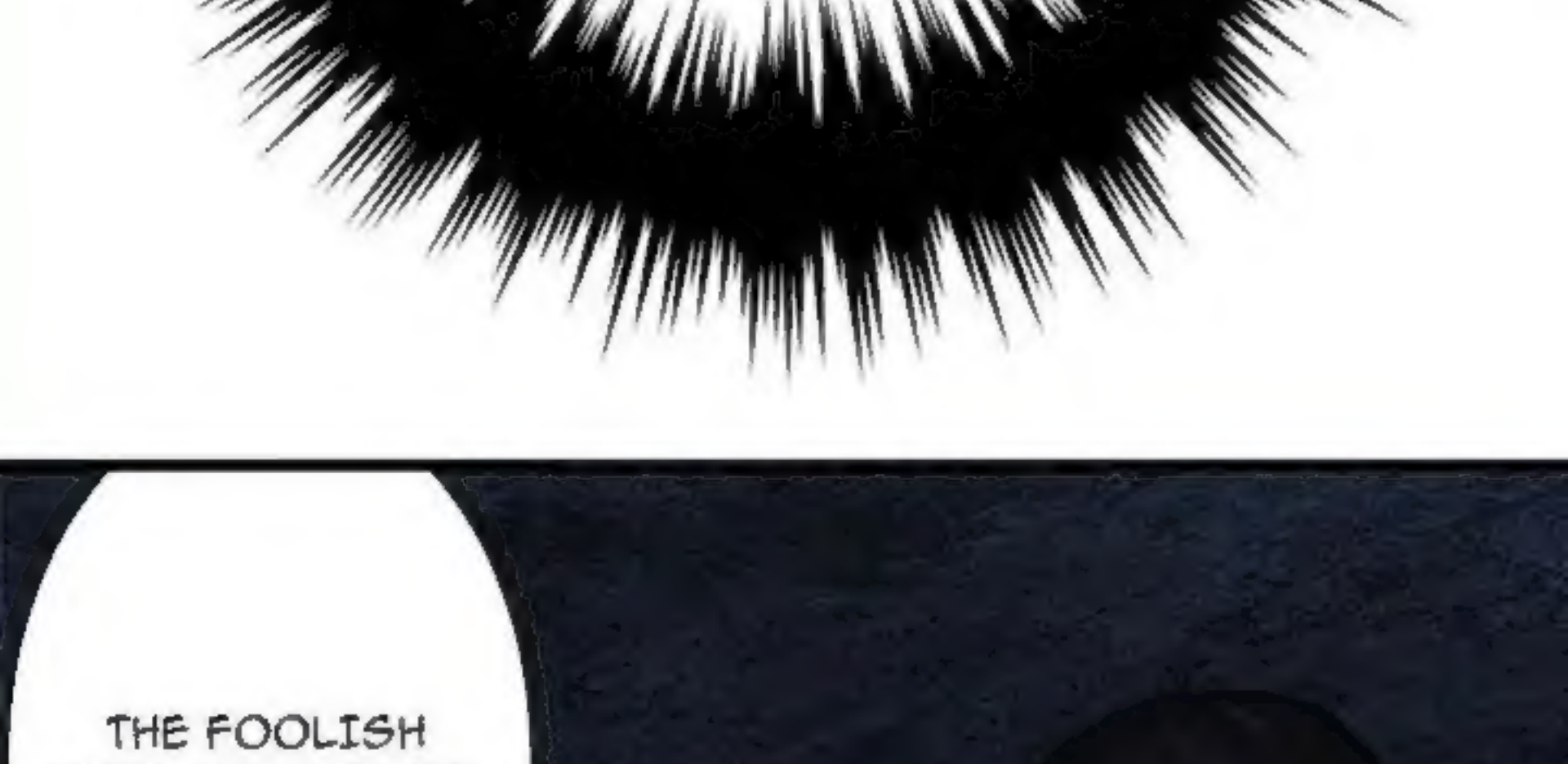
BETTER THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHO YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK RIGHT NOW.



NO ONE CAN FOOL ME!



I JUST DID, YOU IDIOT!



THE FOOLISH KING IS RUINING THE COUNTRY.



THAT'S WHAT YOUR SONGS ARE ALWAYS LIKE.



BUT THE WEIRD THING IS...




THE KING'S CASTLE WASN'T A PLACE ANYONE COULD JUST ENTER.



IT WAS ALMOST LIKE A DUNGEON IN THE SKY.



THE KING'S CASTLE WASN'T A PLACE ANYONE COULD JUST ENTER.




HAVE ANY
OF YOU
BARDS...

EVER MADE
A SONG AFTER
ACTUALLY LOOKING
AT THE KING IN
PERSON?



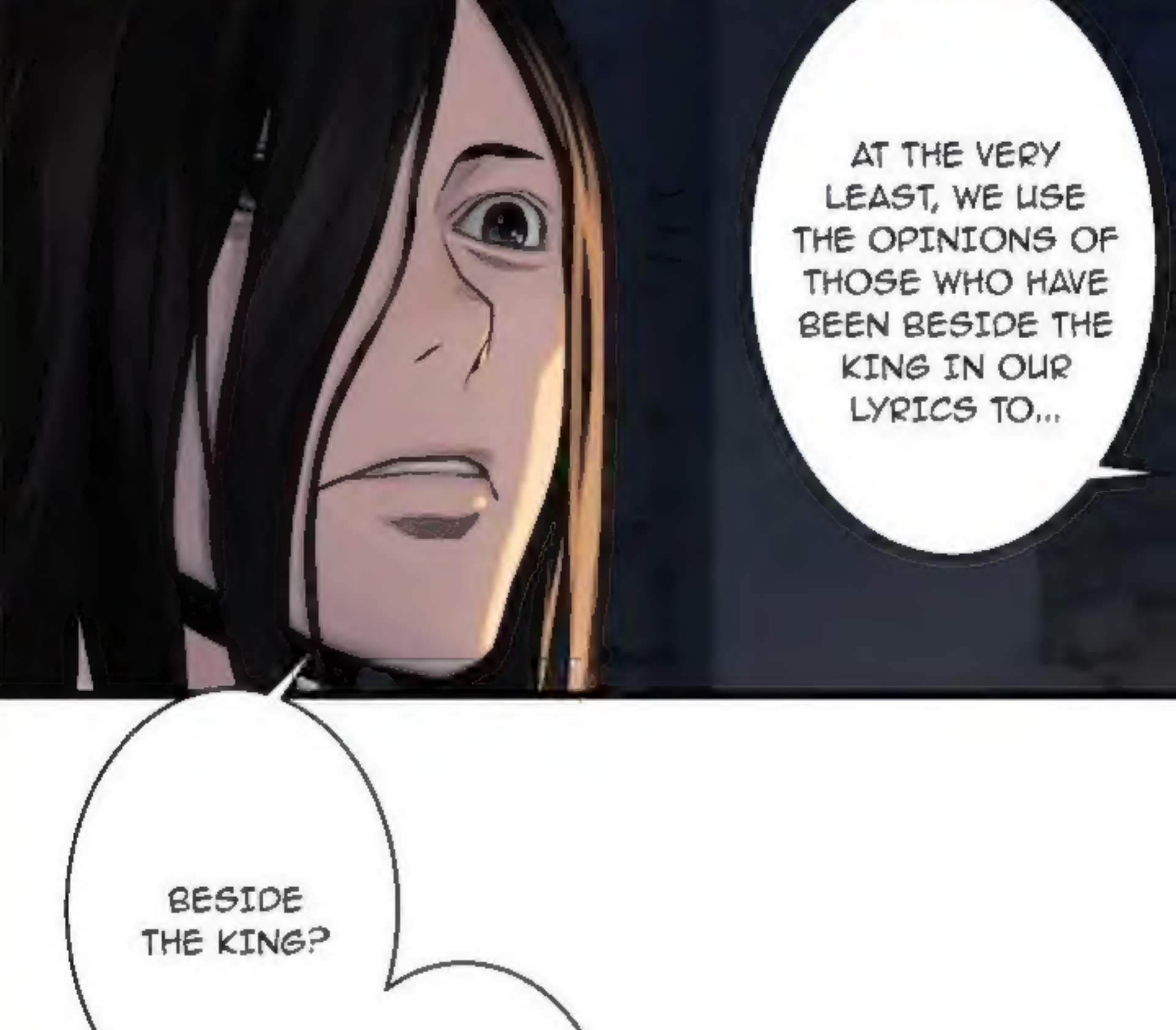
I DON'T
KNOW WHY
YOU'RE ASKING
ME THIS, BUT...

WE BARDS
HAVE BEEN TRYING
OUR BEST TO SING
THE TRUTH.



I MIGHT
BE LACKING
SINCE I HAVEN'T
BEEN A BARD
FOR LONG,
BUT...


THE MEMBERS
OF MY TROUPE
HAVE BEEN RISKING
THEIR LIVES TO DO
THIS WORK.



AT THE VERY
LEAST, WE USE
THE OPINIONS OF
THOSE WHO HAVE
BEEN BESIDE THE
KING IN OUR
LYRICS TO...

BESIDE
THE KING?

AND WHO'S
THAT?



AH!



TH-THAT'S
CONFIDENTIAL!

PLEASE
DON'T ASK ME
THAT!

HEH

REALLY,
NOW?



IT SOUNDS
LIKE YOU'RE NOT
TALKING ABOUT
THE SERVANTS OR
GUARDS...

WHICH LEAVES
THE NOBLES.



YOU GUYS...

ARE BEING
BRIBED BY THE NOBLES
TO MAKE SONGS,
AREN'T YOU?

B-BRIBED?!
WE'VE NEVER



TAKEN BRIBES!

JUMP

THEY WERE JUST WORRIED ABOUT THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY...

SO I WAS RIGHT.

YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN BRIBED...

BUT IT WAS THE NOBLES, HUH.

D-DAMN...

YOU SEE...

I WAS TURNED INTO TRASH BECAUSE OF THE WORDS OF PEOPLE...

WHO NEVER EVEN MET ME BEFORE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KINDA PERSON THE KING IS EITHER.

BUT...

ALL I WANT IS FOR YOU TO SEE FOR YOURSELF...

IF YOU WANT TO BLAME SOMEONE ELSE THAT MUCH.

CLENCH

HER SUMMON